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- 1. During August and September 1950, there were approximately a thousand Soviets living in Pyongyang, including about four hundred civilians and the rest military personnel. The civilians were employed in the Soviet embassy and in other Soviet agencies in Pyongyang and as political and technical advisers to various important Korean establishments. The military personnel included about four hundred field grade officers, 170 company grade officers, and thirty NCOs.
- 2. In addition to these Soviets, there were about 120 former White Russians, mostly from Harbin, in Pyongyang, and a large group of Soviet Koreans from Kazakh SSR. These latter were indistinguishable from native North Koreans.
- 3. On several occasions a Soviet lieutonant general, believed to be named Ivanov, was seen in Pyongyang in late summer.
- 4. During July and August, anti-aircraft guns (calibre undetermined) were emplaced in groups of four in Morang Bong Park, Pyongyang, a restricted area. The gun positions (total number not known) were manned by non-Asiatic Russianspeaking Soviet personnel in Soviet uniforms. Although gun crews were never observed in action, gunfire from these positions was seen directed at UN aircraft. The gunners wore the black shoulder-boards of Soviet artillery and appeared to be either officers or NCO's. They were completely restricted to the park area.

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